time to time. Though there is no bar to SC|ST employees of an organisation, forming an association, such associations cannot be recognised for the purpose of representing service interests as they do not fulfil the conditions required for being granted recognition to service associations of employees. Some SC|ST Welfare Associations are however, recognised for the purpose of notifying reserved vacancies to SC|ST candidates. As such, there is no proposal to amend Sub-Clause (c) of Clause (1) under Article 19 of the Constitution as suggested in Para (d) of the Question.

Backlog of Vacancies not filled under special drive

1505. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog of vacancies reserved for SC/ST filled up under special drive during 1989, 1990 and 1991 in each Department/ Public Sector Undertaking/Banks Corporation etc.; and

(b) the number of backlog of vacancies lying unfilled as on 1st July, 1991 and the expenditure to be incurred by Government if all these vacancies are filled up by SC/ST candidates within three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The number of candidates recommended for appointment against vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes in the Special Recruitment Drive for SC| ST carried out in 1989 was as follows:—

Ministries/Departments of the Central Government	31243
Public Sector Undertakings	8125
Public Sector Banks	8084
Insurance Corporations	3023

Another Special Recruitment Drive was undertaken in 1990 to fill up the carried forward reservations for SC| ST as on 31-3-90. The number of candidates recommended as a result of the Drive, as on 31.3.91, is as follows:—

	Reservations identified for the Drive	No. of candidates recommended
Ministries/Departments of the Central Government	31928	19879
Public Sector Undertakings	10461	6316
Public Sector Banks	3142	2197
Insurance Corporations	1028	1023

Details of candidates recommended for appointment in major Ministries/ Departments are given below:—

Department	Special Recruitment Drive	
	1989	1990
Railways	11647	7195
Posts	2051	1562
Telecom	1954	1127
Revenue	1026	911
Health	316	423
Information & Broadcasting	414	547
Defence	1265	1336
Defence (R & D)	274	257
Defence Production	804	637
CSIR	287	189
Atomic Energy	672	355
Home	5523	2979

(b) Information relating to the backlog as on 1st July, 1991 is not centrally available. It is, therefore, not possible to estimate the expenditure to be incurred by Government if all these vacancies are filled up within a period of three months.

Supply of Food stuff to Fair Price Shops

1506. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Ration Card holders in Shahdara (East Delhi) do not get their rations regularly on account of less quantity of food articles supplied by the FCI Depots to Delhi State Civil Supplies Department.

(b) whether Government are also aware that Fair Price Shops in this area get less food supplies such as sugar, atta and wheat;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the food stuff bags from FCI godowns are issued to the Fair Price Shops contain less quantity and no action has been taken on complaints by the authorities; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop this malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) No, Madam. Food articles are supplied to Fair Price Shops as per allocations made in their favour by Delhi Administration.

(c) and (d) It is reported by Delhi Administration that complaints regarding short-weighment of food articles delivered from godowns are looked into carefully in coordination with concerned agencies and necessary remedial action taken. Such complaints are required to be made to the Circle Office within 72 hours.